

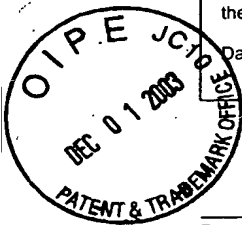
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action dated October 3, 2003 (Paper No. 1). A separate petition for the appropriate extension of time in which to respond is being filed concurrently herewith.

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.